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When Old Man Winter Put On His Show . . .



Mother Nature treated us to one of her meaner moods during the latter part of January and early February when for almost two weeks raging winds mingled with snow and bitter cold tied up transportation in one of the most serious situations ever faced on the prairies.

Farm, town and city all had their problems during and after the big "blow".

Tram service, on occasions was at a complete standstill. On two different occasions the "Mail Order" was shut down entirely with only maintenance crews and drivers reporting for duty.

The groceries department of the Williams' store remained open and delivery service of urgently needed food supplies to many of our customers was maintained.

As can be seen from the pictures on this page our drivers and vans played an important part in helping to ease an almost desperate transportation tie-up. Many employees were thankful for and appreciated the lift both coming to work and going home.





KAY WANNAMAKER

From nine to half past five
In the Retail drugs you'll find
her
Hockey is the favorite sport
Of our titian-haired reporter.



ELMER BRADLEY

Over in the warehouse
A reporter that's on the beam
Interested in radio work
And a boost to our baseball
team.

OUR STAR

REPORTERS



FLO REYNAUD

When asked of her hobby
She frankly admitted
That she liked other things
But the fights were her ticket.



VICKI MORRIS

Among the china you'll
find her
As pert as can be
Being on the top team in
bowling
Is quite pleasant, says she.



MARG MAYSTRUCK

Our brown-eyed reporter
From the 6th floor
Whose "hubby" is hobby
When her days work is o'er.

February - - A Social Success

On January 24 Olga Skibinsky (formerly of Recording) became the bride of Hugh Davis, Canora. Best of luck Skib and Hugh.

Miss Lyons, on behalf of the Pricing & Sales Analysis staff, presented Mrs. Janet Gregg with a silver bread tray when she left the Company last month to take up her household duties.

On January 13, when Mrs. Jennie Barnes left the Buying Department, Miss Morrison presented her with a gift of card table and chairs. We're going to miss that cheery smile around the third floor, Service building.

Mrs. Florence Kingston (nee Reid) was a recent visitor to Mr. Fogarty's Department. Glad to see you, Florence.

On the occasion of Ann Wingert's and Gladys Nazar's birthdays, the typing section of the Adjusting Department gathered for a theatre party. After the show, lunch was served in the Gold Room of the Novia. The luncheon table was decorated by a large birthday cake. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all.

On January 18, Miss Bennett, on behalf of the Adjustment Department, presented Dot Scott with a sewing cabinet and two ornaments. Dot has left to take up housekeeping.

We'll all miss you, Dot.

Hilda Woolsey left the Adjusting Department, January 11, to take up full time household duties. On behalf of the girls, Miss Bennett presented Hilda with a lovely electric clock.

Best of luck, Hilda.

Mrs. Grace (MacIntosh) Miller, of Department 29, who was recently married to Galvin Miller of Regina, left the employ of the company at the beginning of the year to make a full time job of housekeeping. On behalf of her many friends in the store, Mr. C. E. Burton presented her with a parting gift. Our best wishes go with you, Grace.

Mrs. Peter Chubanuck, (nee Marjorie Black) on her departure from the store January 24, was presented with a pair of lovely crystal lamps with mauve shades, by Mr. Head on behalf of her fellow workers and friends on the seventh floor.

Best wishes, Marj.

Mrs. McFadzean (nee Freda Triffo) left the store on Friday, January 24, to take up the duties of a housewife. Mr. Head presented her with a lovely cup and saucer as a parting gift from her fellow workers and friends on 7th floor. Best of luck, Freda.

We are glad to see Vickie Hubic back in Mail Order Time Payment after a bout with the mumps. Mumps seem to agree with her for she looks surprisingly well now.

Mrs. Sally Brown, was presented with a table lamp from the girls in the Returns and Adjusting when she left recently to take up her duties as a housewife. The best of luck, Sally, from us all.

Blanche Publack, Traffic and Customs Department was presented with a gift when she left to reside in Weyburn, Sask.

Best of luck, Blanche.

Mr. Hunter, Shipping Department, presented Wanda Cook with a pair of wool blankets and linen before she left to be married on January 25.

Best of luck, Wanda.

Word has been received that Lenore Chatwin (formerly of Mail Order Time Payment) became the bride of Michael B. O'Toole in Vancouver, B.C. on February 22nd at two o'clock. The couple will be spending a few days in Seattle. Best wishes from all of us in your new venture.

Beryl Fitton (nee Lee) who was formerly on staff of Mail Order Time Payment has returned from Overseas with her hubby and daughter Lee Ann. Beryl's new address will be Vancouver. What is it that attracts all of our comrades to the Coast?

Helene Splitt of the Retail Jewellery has just returned from a winter holiday at the Pacific Coast and Western States. While at the Coast she saw Margaret Moltz, formerly of Jewellery Department, who sends greetings to all her friends at Simpsons. Margie is now at Parksville Jewellery on Vancouver Island.

Wedding bells rang for Thelma Schaumleffel and Andy Alexander on February 15th, at St. Andrews church. The bride-elect was presented with a lovely clock from her many friends and associates in the Retail. Best of luck to you both.

Principals in a ceremony performed at St. Basil's Church on January 27th, were Madge Thachuck and Peter Burger. Madge is head checker on the 7th floor. Mr. Head on behalf of the staff presented Madge with a wool blanket prior to her marriage. We wish you the best of luck Madge and Pete.

Congratulations Ann and Tommy.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at Metropolitan United Church on Saturday, February 8 at 8:30 p.m. when Ann Hafner became the bride of Tommy McIntyre. Rev. Outerbridge officiated and the bride was given in marriage by her brother, Johnny Hafner. Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre will reside in the city.

A Monday Night Bowling Scene



Every Monday night at 9:00 p.m. the Williams Bowling League meets at the Bolodrome for an evening of good sport matching throw against throw in the thrilling game of 5 Pins.

The 8 teams in the League are now on the third round of the season. First round was taken by Candies, Captain Art Smith; the second by the Jewelry, Captain Jim Quigley. The Shoes, are leading in the third round with a score of 13 points, Captain Jack Shooter.

One of the spectacular plays of the year was Herb Mock's game of 330 points. Fred Gerow has a 310 point game he can be proud of too.

Highest average among the girls this year is held by Mary Roscoe, 193 points. Art Smith hold the highest men's average with 203.

Carol Biggs took a sudden leap to fame last Monday when she played two games in a row of 291 and 208 points. Carol is a new player this year.

Williams League will be taking part in the Regina Bowling Tournament next month. They expect to take off the usual number of prizes. Anyway it should be good fun to watch. Good bowling, gang!



A SUCCESS STORY

By Roderick G. Stevens

Success, as well as failure, has its sharp thorns.

It is a trait of human nature, common to all, to develop the great "I AM" idea as progress is made in a given field — but it is well to bear in mind that success may become its own hindrance through too much self-glorification.

Faith in your own powers and confidence in your individual methods are essential to success but an attentive ear is the open door of knowledge — and no man is a graduate of the school of knowledge.

We cannot be independent of the kindly give-and-take spirit of co-operation in our work.

A NOTE OF THANKS

The reinstated personnel from the Broad Street and Down Town Stores wish to convey their many thanks and appreciation for a very enjoyable banquet and dance held for them by the company on February 18th.

THE SERVICE COMMITTEE



Girls' Basketball

Some time ago the Social Club decided to promote an interest in basketball amongst our staff. The response was good, some twenty or twenty-five girls signifying their intention of playing.

The first night, Monday Feb. 17th at the Y.W.C.A. gymnasium was an organization session, when equipment, consisting of running shoes, and sweat shirts provided by the Social Club, was given out. Three new basket balls, also given by the Social Club, inspired a merry workout.

We plan to run a regular league with a play-off in the usual manner.

Due to the small area of the Y.W.C.A. gymnasium the girls decided that a larger gymnasium would be in order, with the result that the remainder of our games will be at Central Collegiate on every Monday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.



Re-Instated Ex Service Personnel

HONORED AT COMPANY BANQUET AND DANCE

On Tuesday evening, February 18, the main ballroom of the Hotel Saskatchewan was the setting for a lovely banquet and dance tendered by the Company in honor of the re-instated service personnel of the branch.

Mr. Harry Amell said grace and Mr. E. A. Pickering proposed the toast to the king. With Mr. Pickering acting as chairman and Mr. Harry Head master of ceremonies, a very enjoyable evening was had by over 200 guests in attendance.

Mr. Pickering remarked that 108 persons had been re-instated to date and that 19 had made the supreme sacrifice.

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OVER 200 GUESTS ENJOY

Mr. E. G. Burton, Managing Director of the Company sent a message welcoming the guests.

Immediately after dinner the guests retired to the lounge room where they were entertained by Miss Audrey Johnston, who gave several delightful piano selections. The program was titled "Knockabout" which held the guests in riotous laughter from beginning to end.

The remainder of the evening was spent dancing to the music of Bill Winter and his orchestra.



FOR PROSPECTIVE BRIDES ONLY

You may collect the full balance to your credit in the Fund upon furnishing proof of marriage.

If you do not withdraw from the service of the company at the time of marriage, you may draw the full balance to your credit until you have completed ten years service, without interest at any time.)

If you leave the Company to be married and are later re-employed, you may collect the full balance to your credit in the Fund upon furnishing proof of marriage.



BANQUET AND DANCE

ing the re-instated service personnel on their return to employment with the firm. re entertained by Miss Jacqueline Doiron, soloist with Mrs. Gallagher as accompanist, n also included two artists, Walter Kaczar and Manny Finkleman of Winnipeg in a skit and his orchestra. Miss Leona Descamps was in charge of arrangements.



ONLY PROSPECTIVE BRIDES — IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE PROFIT SHARING FUND, REMEMBER —

ing proof of marriage, **if you leave the Company to be married and marry.** marriage but continue to work, you lose this special privilege and may not with- iced. (You may of course withdraw the amount you have contributed plus 5% may rejoin the Fund (as a new employee) after one year's service.

NOTES FROM WILLIAMS

Mrs. Florence Ingram of Children's Wear underwent an operation some time ago, and is back with us all again. We are glad to have you amongst us once more.

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Jack Willmott (maint. dept.) has been away from for some time, having suffered a foot injury. Glad to see you back again Jack and hope that you will not run into any accidents.

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On severing her connections with the cosmetic department, Mrs. J. McLean (nee Adeline Fagan) was presented a silver bread tray and matching butter dish by the staff.

Best of luck to you Adeline and Johnny.

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Garnet Dryburg has left us to seek fairer fields in Toronto. Best of luck to you, in your new venture.

Garnet worked in our Furniture Dept.

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Bob Leitch of the Men's Dept. was married Jan 25, to Peggy McDougall.

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Congratulations are in order for two members of the staff, Mrs. M. Sleightholm and Grace Ross, who won prizes in the recent Sask. Curling Bonspiel.

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Helen Rusnak of the Groceteria who was married to Bill Evans was taken to the hospital a week later for an appendicitis operation. We all hope you are feeling better Helen.

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A beautiful set of lamps was presented to Effie Moore of the Groceteria who has left to be married to Ralph Horn. Good luck to you Effie and Ralph.

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Muriel Bunn, of the lunch counter held a baby shower for Lydia Mickleson at her home. The surprised one was Carrie Walbaum now Mrs. Paterson who received a wedding gift. The evening was spent in card reading and a delicious lunch was served.

Sincerest Sympathies

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to F. R. C. Wilson on his recent bereavement in the loss of his grandfather.

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We wish to extend sincere sympathy to Mrs. A. Hoard and family, on the recent death of her brother in Seattle.



The Stork Club

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Grodesky (nee Vivian Smith) formerly of Recording Department, a boy, William Harold, on November

30. Congratulations Vivian and Bill.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wolfe (nee Ella Selzer) formerly of Recording Department, a son David Bert, on January 23. Congratulations Ella and Bert.

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December 19th, a six pound girl, Eileen Margaret to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hogan (nee elsie Moens).

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January 28th, a seven pound girl, Joan Katharine to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ritter, (nee Doris Holtzman).

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Bernice and Perry Goodard, (nee Bernice Forsythe), Display Department, were blessed with a charming baby girl, 9 pounds, 13 ounces, on Saturday, February 8th. Congratulations Bernice and Perry.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Alexander, Edmonton, Alta., (the former Hettie Hewson of Customs and Traffic). They are the proud parents of a lovely baby girl, 7 pounds 10 ounces, Charlotte Lynne. "Hello Auntie Thelma in Retail Handbags."

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Mr. and Mrs. Whincup, (Doreen Scrivener), Advertising Dept., are announcing the arrival of their son, Gregory Avison.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. Leslie (Margaret McNeil), Drapery Dept., are the proud parents of a son, born Jan. 18, 1947. Congratulations.

AN ACTOR IN OUR MIDST

Ron Walsh, our Production Manager, was one of the stars of "The Hasty Heart". This was a comedy-drama produced by the Little Theatre. The action took place in a convalescent hospital in Burma and Ron portrayed an American soldier, "Yank." The play was a success and Ron's acting worthy of praise. Let us know about future plays, Ron, and we'll be out to cheer.

Some of the girls of the T. Eaton Company staff, wish to thank our drivers for the rides received during the blizzardy mornings.

Who's Who in Sports

CURLING —

Completion of the first draw in the weekly curling schedule found rinks skipped by Mac Donnelly, Mrs. McIndoe, Les Comba and Grant Chapman to be victors. Mrs. McIndoe, who is an old hand at the game, revealed a few of the finer arts of the game to the male members of her group. Mac Donnelly's victory could be expected, but I think we should all take our hats off to Grant and Les, who skipped their respective rinks to victories in their first season as skips.

The second "round robin" series is in full swing and with interest keen, the curling season is assured of being a huge success. Good prizes are in the offing to the "fortunate fours" in this series, so let's go curlers, make a bang-up finish to an already enjoyable and successful season.

HOCKEY —

At the time of going to press, only two games remain to be played in the second half of the local Hockey League. We find the Royals led by such sharp shooters as Koster, Ortman and Kleisinger, are in first place. The Rovers, with Frank Grad, the league's leading scorer providing the power, are in second place. Other Rovers standbys are Liskun, Bradley, Peachey, Hank Britton, and Ed Leddy. The Ramblers trail the Rovers by one point, and it will no doubt be a photo finish for that second play-off berth. Murray Wilkie, has been carrying the load for this club, with able assistance from Mac Donnelly, Stu Harker, Bill Draper and George Lyons.

The Rangers are in the cellar in the second half after a very successful start at the first of the season. Adam Faul of boxing fame, is top scorer on this team, followed by Ross Heuser. All the Rangers lack, is a little more interest on the part of the players to see that a full team is on hand to play. Come on fellas, this is your league, get behind it. At this time, your reporter, on behalf of each and every participant in this year's hockey league, would like to express a sincere "thank you" to Mr. Noble Britton for his time and efforts in organizing and making the weekly event the success it has been.

THE BIG SEVEN

	Pts.
F. Grad, Rovers	28
J. Ortman, Royals	27
M. Wilkie, Ramblers	26
W. Liskun, Rovers	25
A. Faul, Rangers	24
I. Koster, Royals	22
Kleisinger, Royals	21

The league bad man is bouncing Tommy McRadu with 8 minutes spent in the cooler, while Fred Redmond runs him a close second with 6 minutes in penalties.

BOWLING —

The bowlers on a certain team in Section 2 are a very happy bunch these days — and who wouldn't be if they suddenly found themselves in top place instead of 5th. Well, such is the lot of the Strikers.

It all happened the other day when Mac Donnelly was checking over the standing for the year and to his surprise discovered an error had been made in November. It seems that on November 19 the points for Section 2 were entered twice. Instead of the Squids receiving credit for 4 points that evening, they received credit for 8 and so on down the line. Consequently all the team totals have had to be altered with the exception of the Strikers and Blowers who never took any points that night.

Competition is keen these days as the end of another bowling season draws near. Section 1 has only three more nights of play while Section 2 has four.

Following is the standing as at February 18:

Section 1 —		Section 2 —	
Sad Sacks	28	Strikers	25
Ann Axes	25	Squids	24
Rinkydinks	24	Heavers	24
Soldouts	23	Kingpins	24
Yoho's	22	Loafers	23
Alley Cats	19	Teetotalers	21
Never Hasbeens	19	Boozleberries	17
Atoms	17	Coo'y's	17
Rockets	16	Dead End Kids	17
Rebels	7	Blowers	12

High Single —		High Three —	
Vi Truman	388	M. Falconer	868
H. Thompson	337	H. Thompson	788

Ladies —		Averages		Men —	
M. Falconer	232			H. Britton	219
M. Hines	205			T. Binfet	213
I. Enich	202			F. Daborn	208
				H. Thompson	208
				G. Chapman	206
				D. Walters	205
				I. Koster	204
				R. McLean	200

BANQUET HIGHLIGHTS —

Bill Farr won the oyster eating contest. Noble Britton finished a close second.

Nice work Harry Head as Master of Ceremonies, and a masterful job as arbitrator for the slug fest.

Congratulations to Leona Descamps for her efforts in arranging such outstanding entertainment. In everyone's opinion it was unique.

Jack Shooter, Williams' representative on the Returned Service Men's Committee introduced the William's Reinstated personnel.

Prairie Storm

Winter 1947

Far north in frozen Arctic land,
Home of the wolf and cariboo band,
Here storm and tempest have their birth,
Then rage their conflict through the earth.

From northern barren lands they spread
South east through spruce and pine ahead
Growing in power with every mile
Snow laden clouds to earth they pile

Drives south through level prairie plain
Unchecked by bridle or by rein
Wild blizzard howls in winters storm
Leaves snow heaped chaos without form.

Heaps monster drifts o'er rail and road
O'er farm and barn and men's abode
On country road and city street,
Buries car and truck in snow drift deep.

For days the tempest rages wild
Darkens the earth with snow clouds filled
Dim daylight darkens into night
Sun, moon and stars all hide in fright.

How can mere man this storm survive?
From zeros depths emerge alive,
Cold like the outer depths of space,
How live this soft shelled human race?

When blizzard blows its icy breath
Which threaten man and beast with death
Man, wife, and child and horse and cow
Run fast to house and barn and mow.

Bar fast the doors and windows tight
Heap on the coal in furnace bright
Fill full the stewpot on the stove
Bake in the oven mighty loaves.

Thus through the storm men eat and sleep,
Though snowdrifts pile around them deep.
Thus they survive, till shines the sun,
The wind dies down, its course is run.

In closing here, let's not forget,
To pay at least in words our debt
To those who worked through blizzards blast,
Who carried on from first to last.

Those railroad men who plowed the tracks
And taxi men who drove the hacks,
The man with the shovel who answered the call,
Delivery men, Postmen, Busmen, all,
To these our grateful thanks are due,
Why man survives? We point to you.

— Jack Chambers

SOCIAL NEWS (Cont.)

On December 18 Margaret Claybrook and Joseph Leach were united in marriage in a ceremony which took place at St. Andrew's. They were attended by Marion Hendry and Wallace Bender. Our best wishes to the happy couple. * * *

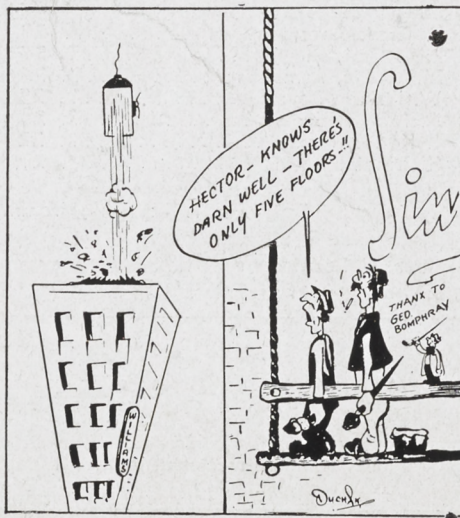
Why did Frank Sojanke blush so hard when he applied for a purchase of a stove on the Budget Plan? After all you said you were buying it for your mother and we believed you, or did we?

Remember When?



"Robbie" Robinson and Mae Jenkinson in a pretty pose. 'Twould be unfair to tell you when.

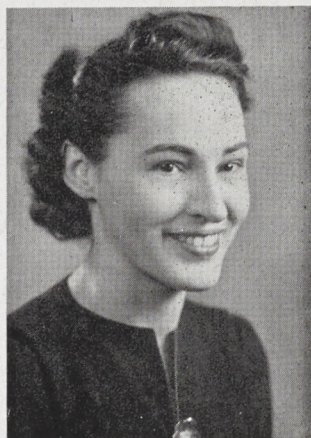
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OOPS!!!





CLARENCE ANDERSON

Department 10 can surely be
proud
Of their likeable reporter,
A radar mechanic during the
war
Now radios' ardent supporter.



AGNES TERRY

Agnes is another girl
Reporting for the second time,
Although reticent about news
of herself
We find curling is in her line.

ALL THE NEWS!



EILEEN LATIMER

With a sunny disposition
And fair curly hair
When the Returns have news
Eileen is right there.



EILEEN GROVER

A second term "Digger"
This lassie from 4th
Baseball and skating are for
her
She reports.



EDITH COSSER

Five foot two with a great big
smile
Right on the job all the while
A bowling enthusiast and bas-
ketball fan
A 7th floor asset to the clan.

Return to Ciovie Street

JEAN HILSDEN

Jean left the Hosiery Department in December 1943 to join the Air Force. She took her basic training at Ottawa and a special course at Trenton after which she was posted to Halifax, then to Sydney and Newfoundland and finally back to Trenton where she received her discharge on November 28, 1946. After a holiday spent with her family in Sidney, B.C. Jean returned to work on January 29, 1947. She is now in the Handbags Department. Welcome back, Jean.



HOBBY CORNER

Our Hobby corner this month features Ted Lamb who is interested in Astronomy. Astronomy is a study of the stars and planets and should not be confused with Astrology, which is fortune telling by stars.

Ted has been interested in this field for approximately 14 years and has owned his own telescope with a 6½" main lens for 10 years. With this telescope he can see the mountains and the craters on the moon and also pick up Jupiter with its four moons.

He is a former member of the American Meteor Society and the Regina Astronomical Society, both of which were inactive during the war. Ted hasn't done any serious work in this field since his return from Service but intends to get down to business again soon.

A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend. A successful woman is one who can land such a man.

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Helen: "How did you stop your husband from staying out late?"

Mabel: "When he came in late I called out—"That you, Jack?"

Helen: "But how did that stop him?"

Mabel: "My husband's name is Dick."

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John: "Your argument with your wife last night was most amusing."

Paul: "Wasn't it though? And when she threw the axe at me I thought I'd split."

There was a little dachshund, once,
So long he had no notion,
How long it took to notify
His tail of his emotion.

And so it was that while his eyes
Were filled with woe and sadness
His little tail kept wagging on
Because of previous gladness.

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